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TAGS: OTRA, PEPR, SREF, VM, CH, TH  
SUBJ: THAI VIET NAM RELATIONS

1. DURING BRIEF INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON ACTING FONMIN  
WONG TO PREPARE FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS, AMBASSA-  
DOR TOOK OCCASION TO QUESTION WONG ON HIS VISIT TO VIET  
NAM LAST WEEK.

2. WONG INDICATED THAT, AS PRESS REPORTED, PROGRESS WAS  
MADE WITH REGARD TO REPATRIATION OF THOSE VIETNAMESE LONG  
IN THE COUNTRY. HE NOTED THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAD IN THE  
PAST AGREED ON THIS QUESTION IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND THE  
THAI SIDE WAS INSISTENT IN MOVING TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION.  
CONSEQUENTLY BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO FORM A JOINT  
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROBLEM AND TO ESTABLISH THE  
MODALITIES FOR REPATRIATION. WONG ALSO INDICATED HOWEVER  
THAT FURTHER TALKS WOULD BE NECESSARY WITH REGARD TO  
CONCRETE DETAILS ON THE ACTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT  
COMMISSION. WONG PROFESSED TO BE SANGUINE THAT THERE  
WOULD ULTIMATELY BE PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE. HE WAS  
GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH VIETNAMESE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE.

3. WITH REGARD TO VIETNAMESE/CHINESE TENSIONS WONG SAID  
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IN HIS DISCUSSIONS, VIETNAMESE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE AT THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER  
LEVEL. THE VIETNAMESE ALSO INDICATED THAT WITH REGARD TO  
THE US, THEY HOPED THERE WOULD BE MOVEMENT TOWARDS NORMAL-  
IZATION OF RELATIONS. WONG INDICATED THAT THE THAI  
DELEGATION DID NOT PROBE DEEPLY ON EITHER QUESTION SINCE  
ITS PURPOSE WAS TO FOCUS ON BILATERAL ISSUES.

4. WONG, WHO SPENT THREE DAYS IN SAIGON DURING HIS VIET  
NAM VISIT ALSO NOTED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE THERE IS STILL  
MUCH MORE "LIBERAL" THAN IN HANOI. HE WAS STRUCK BY THE  
APPARENT ATTEMPTS BY THE VIETNAMESE TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM.  
HE ALSO WAS SURPRISED AT THE EXTENT OF THE ACTIVITY  
ATTENDING THE OIL EXPLORATION IN VUNG TAU. HE SAID THAT  
IT ALMOST LOOKED AS IF THEY WERE CREATING A NEW PORT CITY  
THERE. ABRAMOWITZ

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